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TOPIC Hungarian Army Firing Range at Camp Oerkeny

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1. [REDACTED]
Army were being tested at the firing range there. Furthermore, artillery pieces manufactured in Dios-Gyoe (R 49/J 87) and on Csepel Island south of Budapest were being tested there. The harmonization fire was supervised by representatives of the Hungarian Ministry of National Defense and several Soviets. *

25X1A 2. [REDACTED] t at three trains carrying rubber-tired artillery pieces to be towed by motor vehicles and about 50 tanks, models T-34 and JS, arrived in Camp Oerkeny in December 1950. After adjustments were made, the tanks were shipped to Esztergom (Q 48/Z 27), Jaszbereny (Q 48/J 110), and Tata-Tovaras (P 48/Y 94). Most of the JS tanks were shipped to Tata-Tovaras. After similar adjustments, the artillery pieces were shipped to Miskolc (R 49/J 87), Szeged (Y 7/T 17), and Papa (P 48/Y 30). **

3. On 20 December, it was observed that a three-story barracks building was under construction in Oerkeny.

4. Soviet soldiers were last observed in Oerkeny in October 1950. Acquaintances of source said that the troops stationed in Camp Oerkeny had moved from wooden barracks to newly constructed quarters.

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* [REDACTED] Comment. A Hungarian Army test firing range at Oerkeny was reported as early as January 1949. The iron and steel plant in Dios-Gyoe manufactured artillery weapons and artillery ammunition before World War II and, in 1947 and 1948, produced civilian goods. No other sources have reported that artillery pieces were manufactured there after the war. The Weiss Plant which is located in Csepel was allegedly geared to the production of war materiel at the end of 1948.

25X1A ** [REDACTED] Comment. Although no reports substantiating the delivery of Soviet heavy JS tanks to Hungary have been obtained, it is possible that such deliveries have been made under the expansion program of the Hungarian Army. Hungarian tank troops are known to be stationed in Esztergom and Tata. See

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